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1. WE TOO HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH PARA 3 REFTEL B, I.E.  
THE IMPLICATION THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT  
DEVELOPMENTS IN GUYANA AND, BY EXTENSION, JAMAICA.

2. WE AGREE THAT WE CANNOT INTERVENE DIRECTLY IN JAMAICA'S  
DECISION TO EMBARK UPON "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM". AS APPROPRIATE  
OCCASIONS ARISE, WE MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT TYRANNY OF THE LEFT IS  
AS MUCH A CONCERN TO US AS TYRANNY OF THE RIGHT.  
WE SHOULD NOT CONCEAL CONCERN ABOUT THE EROSION OF  
HUMAN AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES TRADITIONAL TO THE  
ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN, AND THE HYPOCRISY OF DAMNING  
CHILE WHILE PRAISING CUBA.

3. CONCERNING JAMAICA'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH CUBA,  
JAMAICA IS OBVIOUSLY FREE TO MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
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WHOMEVER IT WISHES. ON THE OTHER HAND WE MUST CONTINUE TO  
MAKE CLEAR THAT WE OBJECT TO EFFORTS BY THE CUBANS TO  
USE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JAMAICA (OR VICE VERSA) TO  
UNDERMINE THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY LINKS BETWEEN  
JAMAICA AND THE US. WE ALSO MUST CONTINUE TO COUNTER  
ALLEGATIONS BY JAMAICA AND ITS GUYANESE AND CUBAN FIRENDS  
CONCERNING DESTABILIZATION, CAPITALIST/IMPERIALIST INTER-

VENTION, ETC., PERHAPS EVEN MORE STRONGLY THAN WE HAVE  
IN THE PAST.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT AN EXPLICIT SPELLING OUT OF OUR CONCERNS WHENEVER THE OCCASION ARISES, IS LIKELY TO ENHANCE RATHER THAN REDUCE CREDIBILITY. THE JAMAICANS (AND WE ASSUME LIKEWISE THE GUYANESE) IN FACT HAVE MANY MISPERCEPTIONS ABOUT OUR CONCERNS IN THIS AREA, I.E. THEY ASSUME THAT THE RANGE AND LEVEL OF US INTEREST ARE HIGHER THAN IN FACT IS THE CASE. SUCH MISPERCEPTIONS LEAD TO A DEGREE OF PARANOIA. MANY JAMAICANS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE USG HAS INDEED BEEN DESTABILIZING JAMAICA. IT IS THE PERCEPTION OF MANY JAMAICANS THAT OUR SECURITY AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HERE ARE SO GREAT THAT THE US MUST AT ALL COSTS PREVENT THE EMERGENCE OF A SOCIALIST JAMAICA INIMICAL TO THOSE INTERESTS. THIS CONVICTION EVEN LEADS SOME JAMAICANS TO BELIEVE THAT THE US WOULD, IF NECESSARY, INTERVENE WITH ARMED FORCE.

5. TO SUM UP, TO REMAIN SILENT AND FAIL TO PUT IN PERSPECTIVE REAL CONCERNS AND INTERESTS IN THE AREA IS, IN OUR VIEW, MORE LIKELY TO LEAD TO PROBLEMS THAN TO CREDIBILITY AND TO IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS.  
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